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SUBJECT: SECRETARY CALIFANO'S VISIT TO ROME NOVEMBER 21-23

REF: (A) ROME 19275, (B) ROME 197371, (C) ROME 18862

SUMMARY: HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO'S VISIT TO ROME NOV 19-23, WHICH
BASICALLY FOLLOWED SCHEDULE DESCRIBED REF (C), WAS UNQUALIFIED
SUCCESS. VISIT FULFILLED VARIETY OF US OBJECTIVES, RANGING FROM
THE SPECIFIC (E.G. SIGNING OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATIVE
PROTOCOL AND HEALTH MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING--IN BOTH CASES
FIRST SUCH AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY US) TO MORE GENERAL ONES OF
AFFORDING OPPORTUNITY TO INDICATE DEGREE OF US INTEREST IN EX-
PANDING AREAS OF COOPERATION WITH GOI AND TO EXPLAIN US POLICIES.
IN ADDITION, TO EXTENDED DISCUSSIONS WITH MINISTER OF HEALTH
DAL FALCO, SECRETARY CALIFANO CALLED ON THE PRIME MINISTER,
RECEIVED
PUBLIC HEALTH GOLD MEDAL FROM MINISTER OF HEALTH AND WAS
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RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT LEONE, WHO AWARDED HIM KNIGHT GRAND
CROSS, HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOR. EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING WITH FOLLOW-
UP ACTIVITIES WITH MINISTRY OF HEALTH. END SUMMARY.

1. SECRETARY CALIFANO AND MINISTER OF HEALTH DAL FALCO SIGNED THE
HEW/MOH AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN HEALTH RELATED RESEARCH ON
NOVEMBER 24. IN CONVERSATION AT THE MOH, CALIFANO AND DAL FALCO

AGREED ON PRIORITIES AS FOLLOWS: REGULATION OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND PHARMACEUTICALS; CONTROL OF DRUG ABUSE, INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL MEASURES; CONTROL OF TOXIC CHEMICALS.

2. SECRETARY CALIFANO PROPOSED AN EARLY VISIT BY THE FDA TEAM TO ASSIST THE MOH IN CONTROL OF FOOD ADDITIVES AND PHARMACEUTICALS. CALIFANO ALSO PROMISED TO MAKE AVAILABLE US EXPERIENCE IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AGAINST DRUG ABUSE (INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO). MINISTER DAL FALCO INDICATED THAT THE ITALIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH WOULD SOON BECOME A SUBSCRIBER TO THE US NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE TOXLINE SERVICE. ACTION: (PLEASE PASS THIS INFO ON TO HENRY KISSMAN AT THE LIBRARY AND REQUEST THAT HE SEND SCIATT A FULL SET OF DATA ON TOXLINE.) DAL FALCO ALSO EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF LINKING THE ITALIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH MORE CLOSELY WITH THE US NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH.

3. SECRETARY CALIFANO INDICATED THE INTEREST OF THE CENTER FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES (ATLANTA) IN A LONG-TERM EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE POPULATION EXPOSED AT SEVESO. ALTHOUGH DAL FALCO DID NOT REPLY SPECIFICALLY TO THIS SENSITIVE SUGGESTION, SCIATT UNDERSTANDS THAT ITALIAN STUDY IS UNDERWAY. SCIATT WILL PURSUE THE MATTER AND REPORT FURTHER ON THE POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION.

4. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL (A), DAL FALCO INDICATED IN REPLY TO A QUERY FROM CALIFANO THAT ITALIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD PATENT PROTECTION FOR PHARMACEUTICALS WERE CHANGING, THUS MAKING IT POSSIBLE THAT A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BILL TO PROVIDE A MEASURE OF PATENT PROTECTION, NOW IN DRAFT, MAY PASS PARLIAMENT. SCIATT IS INFORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ITALIAN PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS THAT THEY EXPECT THE EC PHARMACEUTICALS PATENT SYSTEM WILL BE IN OPERATION BEFORE THE ITALIAN SYSTEM.

5. SECRETARY CALIFANO PROPOSED YEARLY VISITS AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL TO REVIEW PROGRESS MADE UNDER THE HEW/MOH AGREEMENT. SCIATT HAS RECEIVED FROM CALABRO', MOH CHIEF OF CABINET, A LIST OF EXPERTS (COPY WILL BE POUCHE) TO BE INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWUP TO THE AGREEMENT. A SIMILAR LIST FROM HEW, IF POSSIBLE WITH SPECIFIC PROJECTS (LIKE THE FDA VISIT MENTIONED IN PARA 3 ABOVE), WOULD PROVE EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO ORGANIZING NECESSARY FOLLOW UP.

6. THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTOCOL TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY TOTALIZATION AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BY CALIFANO AND MINISTER OF LABOR ANSELMI ON NOVEMBER 25. IN CONVERSATION, CALIFANO TOLD ANSELMI HE WOULD ENCOURAGE SECRETARY OF LABOR MARSHALL TO VISIT ITALY SOON.

7. CONVERSATION BETWEEN PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI AND CALIFANO WAS REPORTED SEPTEL (REFTEL B).

8. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PORTION OF VISIT CONTRIBUTED IN
IMPORTANT WAYS TO UNDERSTANDING OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION
POLICIES IN VARIETY OF AREAS. INSTEAD OF ROUTINE COVERAGE
OF FORMAL ASPECTS OF VISIT, FOCUS WAS ON SUBSTANTIVE
ISSUES. SECRETARY DEFTLY FIELDDED TOUGH QUESTIONS ON PCI
PARTICIPATION IN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT DURING INTERVIEW ON
NATIONAL TELEVISION PROGRAM SEEN BY ESTIMATED 1.5 MILLION
VIEWERS. IN FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW WITH LEO WOLLEMBORG IN
INFLUENTIAL ROME DAILY, "IL TEMPO", CALIFANO ABLY DEFENDED
ADMINISTRATEHTS POLICY, UNDERCUT SEVERAL
MYTHS ABOUT POVERTY AND LACK OF SOCIAL SERVICES IN U.S.,
AND OFFERED TIMELY EXPLANATION OF ITALIAN-AMERICAN
ATTITUDES TOWARD PCI. LUNCHEON WITH AMERICAN JOURNALISTS
AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE PRODUCED AP REQUEST FOR INTER-
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VIEW CONCERNING EUROPEAN TRIP. INFORMAL ENCOUNTER WITH
PRESS AND INTERESTED PROFESSIONALS FROM MINISTRIES OF
HEALTH AND EDUCATION IN USIS LIBRARY PROVIDED USEFUL
OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION OF US DOMESTIC HEALTH POLICIES.
TRANSLATION OF "IL TEMPO". ARTICLE PLUS FULL SET OF
CLIPPINGS FROM ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS BEINGSENT IN SEPARATE
LETTER. GARDNER

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